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## Royal Standard

*"At my Coronation next June I shall dedicate myself anew to your service . . . I want to ask you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on that day — to pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making and that I may faithfully serve Him, and you, all the days of my life."*

THE QUEEN'S unhurried, beautiful voice, speaking those words, in the true 'Queen's English', reached British family circles all over the world as the climax of the Christmas Broadcast last December. And now, six months later, comes the fulfilment.

The world's newspapers, as well as those of this country, will vie with each other in describing the most magnificent pageantry to be seen in our drab world, the ritual of chivalry brought up to date. But the real, the royal, secret eludes words. Why has the small central figure of the young Queen captured the imagination and affection of *all* the people we normally meet?

Perhaps the answer is hidden in a paradox. On the one hand she is wife and mother in just such a family as we wish our own to be — a little kingdom in itself that guards its private reticencies but shares its happiness and presents a welcoming face to those outside. It is a Family which enjoys hard work and holidays in just measure, ready with quick sympathy for anyone in trouble, abounding in children's joys and a sense of fun, upheld every day by human affection and by the consciousness of God's leading.

On the other hand here is a Royal dignity that is never arrogant, a graciousness that is never false or cheap, a real Person who stands undismayed in "the fierce light that beats upon a throne"—the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

It is, in short, the Queen who sets for us the standard both of private and of public life.

# MULTUM IN PARVO



❧ TUBBY has returned to this country, having been away since last September visiting Australia in company with PETER SEYMOUR-PRICE and then having been to New Zealand, Jamaica, the United States and Canada, accompanied by JULIAN BROOKE.

❧ TUBBY will be preaching at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, at 11.15 a.m. on June 21.

❧ THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND has consented to become Patron of Toc H in New Zealand, and LADY NORRIE the Patron of Toc H Women's Association there.

❧ THE QUEEN has approved the appointment of Lieut.-Colonel SIR ROBERT MARTIN, former Chairman of the East Midlands Area, as Vice-Lieutenant of Leicestershire.

❧ The new LADY MAYORESS OF LIVERPOOL, Mrs. F. E. Vyvyan, sister of the Lord Mayor, Alderman W. J. Tristram, has been a member of Toc H Women's Association since 1944 and was formerly Secretary of the Wallasey Branch.

❧ PADRE KENNETH BLOXHAM, Kent and Sussex Areas, has been recalled to Methodist Circuit work and, to the regret of all, will be leaving the staff in September, after nineteen years' service, to become Minister at Potters Bar, Middlesex.

❧ JACK LUCAS, Hon. Warden of Mark VI, Birmingham, for the last five and a half years, has been appointed to succeed Jim Froud as a Marks Pilot and is working in Liverpool and Manchester.

❧ THE ALL-WALES FESTIVAL will be held at Corwen, Merioneth, on May 9.

❧ Particulars of visits to HARROW HILL AND SCHOOL, under the guidance of local members, at 2.30 and 7.30 p.m. daily from June 15 to 27 inclusive, can be obtained from E. E. Hall, 553 Rayners Lane, Pinner, Middlesex.

❧ An account of the annual meeting of the CENTRAL COUNCIL, held at Swanwick, Derbyshire, on April 18 and 19, will be published next month.



## THE CHINA SEAS

**T**HE NEW ANNUAL REPORT from Hong Kong announces the formation of a group in Sek Kong, in the New Territories. One day last June a small crowd of members went there and were given supper by Padre Tom Yates of the 7th Royal Tank Regiment. Thus reinforced they then spoke to an audience of R.T.R. people about Toc H, for the locals were looking forward to starting a unit of their own.

Things have now progressed a long way, as witness this despatch from "Taj" Davies:

Sek Kong is on a fairly large plain which from March to October produces two crops of the best rice in the world. As the crow flies we are about five or six miles from the Communist border. The Camp is in the shadow of Ti Mo Sham, the highest point in the Colony.

The formation of the group really began with Padre Tom Yates (since initiated at Hong Kong Branch) who called a meeting of anyone interested in forming a church fellowship. I attended with several other chaps and flogged Toc H. Our first meeting was fixed for June 25, 1952. This gave us about three weeks to round up would be and other members. Five turned up of whom two of us were members, viz. Ken Malkin of the Grimsby Branch and myself, Taj Davies of Gravesend Branch, together with Padre Tom Yates, Sgt. Ken James and Sgt. Lou Barratt (all three are now members).

We began to give gramophone recitals twice a week, once to the troops and once to the Married Families. several film shows were put on for the troops, also we were able to sponsor (financially) the sending of five Chinese lads to Silver Mine Bay Camp for a week. All was working quite well, then in October wives joined the Regiment in Hong Kong, which meant that Len Woolcock, Tommy Arnott, Lou Barratt and Ken Malkin all lived out in Kowloon and were not able to attend meetings or in fact able to do anything at all as they lived in Kowloon (nearly thirty miles away).

We are at rock bottom at the end of our first six months, but the first annual report will, I hope, show progress.

## WHAT OF HONG KONG, THE PARENT?

Jim Froud is there and spring is in the air. Yet the future of Talbot House is uncertain and the leaders of Toc H are coping with a difficult situation with great energy and imagination. In the meantime, there is the report of last year, and culled from the Jobmaster's Report are these items:

A regular Sunday Evening Concert of recorded classical music has been given in the house throughout the year. Two members have been responsible for the running of these concerts and, as their importance as an advertisement for "Toc H" and a point of contact with the public is very great, it is incumbent on the Branch to make certain that their continuity is not broken by the departure of members on leave or transfer. There is also reel dancing on alternate Fridays.

An expedition to a beach, bathing, singing and cook your own hot dog. This is the most popular form of entertainment we offer the Forces. Barbecues held this summer were: May 27, H.M.S. *Ceylon*; June 24, Navy; August 5, Army; September 30, Navy.

Our Boys' Club has been visited regularly by members and attempts have been made to place boys in jobs or training schools. These attempts have not so far been successful. There is a pressing need for some member to take over the direct supervision of this Club and it is to be hoped the incoming Jobmaster will find someone willing and able to undertake this work. Various outings have been arranged for the boys, the cost of transportation being borne by the Branch, and members and friends also provided funds to send a group of some twenty boys to the Silver Mine Bay Camp, on Lantau Island, in two batches of fourteen boys each during two successive weeks in November.

The Street Sleepers' Shelter has been visited regularly.

The Europeans in Stanley Prison have been visited regularly throughout the year. The most popular form of visit, from the angle of the convict, would appear to be recorded concerts, particularly of "Boogie Woogie" and allied noises and to fill this need the Branch has purchased a portable electrical record player which is available to members who undertake Prison visits. Any member who is discontented with his lot should undertake one of these visits.

A good corporate job was done by members and friends in the provision and erection of an open air shelter for Miss Mildred Dibden at her Babies' Home. Miss Dibden proposes to name the shelter "Talbot House"; it is a far cry from Poperinghe to Ping Shan and we are glad to have been a link in the chain which has carried this distance.

This scene (Taipo Orphanage) of a very big pre-war job by the Kowloon Circle was revisited this year when several working parties undertook the transporting of granite blocks to the site of a new building. The somewhat primitive pulley and tackle could scarcely have been called labour-saving, and the job had not been completed on the retirement, after a few weeks of very hard work, of the (literally) horny-handed sons of toil who attempted it.

During the summer the new Colony at Hayling Island was visited frequently by one member, who made a survey of the island and gave advice on the subject of water-supply. Ken Butterworth was planning to take a Toc H team to Hayling Island when he was transferred at short notice.

## MEN FOR MALAYA

This is really a postscript to the notice which appeared on page 137 of the April JOURNAL. More information is now available for those who are interested. The background is

familiar, the resettlement of the Chinese rural community in organised and readily accessible communities, of which there are now some 500 so-called "New Villages".

The Emergency Administrative Officer is normally required to administer a group of those New Villages. He carries everything—Local Government, the village school, agriculture and welfare. What is possibly more important, he must try to develop a community spirit from a body of suspicious individualists: he must therefore be a man with ideals and abounding in human warmth.

Contracts are for three years at a time: salaries vary with age and circumstances but would be well over four figures; ages between twenty-eight and fifty-five, but officers over forty-five would have to possess exceptional qualifications, *e.g.*, a Chinese dialect; if wives are keen and adaptable to life in the villages they can be a great help—if not, not; educational facilities for children are lacking. If you want to explore further write to Mr. Richard West, c/o the Director of Recruitment (Colonial Service), Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1. G.M.

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## THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Central Executive appointed RANALD MACDONALD to be Administrator of Toc H in January, 1952, with effect until the end of the annual meeting of the Central Council in April, 1953, this appointment being confirmed by the Council in April, 1952. Last February the Central Executive decided not to renew the appointment, which therefore lapsed on April 19.

The Central Executive has appointed BARCLAY BARON, the senior member of the staff, to be Acting Administrator from April 20 until the appointment of a successor by the Central Executive or until the Council meeting in 1954, whichever date be earlier. This appointment was confirmed by the Council at the annual meeting on April 18 and 19.

Further reference will be made to this in the June issue of the JOURNAL, which will contain a report of the Council meeting.

*These impressions of service in the French Army, by MARCEL THÉRY, a young French member of Toc H, should be of special interest to his opposite number, the National Serviceman, in our home membership.*

## Gone for a soldier

I KNOW I should have written this article since a long time, exactly when I enter the Army. Now I have finished my time in the French Army and came back home as a reserve sergeant. This is not a very high rank, but however it gives you something!

I shall always remember the very day I came in the barracks of an Infantry Officers-school. The train I took departed from Paris at 11 p.m. and it came in X . . . at 4.30 a.m. I was rather sleeping and did not realise at once why somebody pushed me and told me: "Hey! Here we are! This is X . . . ." What was to be done? I alighted from the train, not quite awake, and in a bad mood. Yes, I was bad-mooded. A week ago, I was in England on holidays, by good friends of mine. To-day, I was in X . . . where I was told I'd stay six months before being a cadet.

### "With our feet!"

"Tickets, please!" A man with a uniform and a cap. No, it is no soldier, but only a railwayman collecting the tickets. There are a lot of people, young people, about 300 or 400. How will they take us to the barracks? Trucks or cars? If I had already known a bit about French Army at this very time, the reply would have quickly come: "With our feet!". This is what we actually did: about thirty soldiers and sub-officers took us in charge, and after gathering in small sections, we departed to the barracks: three miles of climbing in the dark streets: the time was 5 a.m. and the town is built on hills.

At last, we come to the barracks. Just as I thought: ugly brick-buildings, a muddy area, a flag.

Then, after a cup of coffee and some slices of bread, they take us to a big, very big room. There we sit and wait, smoking cigarettes. Some sleep, some chat, some look around and look rather disgusted, just like me. Some look afraid.

"Stand up!" Everybody stands up and looks at the door. Four or five officers get in and sit at a big table. One of them speaks to us: "You are now soldiers of the French Army. Sometime, you will become cadets, or sergeants, or . . . nothing at all. It just depends the work you will do in here."

We are now given lots of papers to fill in. It takes us at least one hour to fill them in completely. Name, address, date and place of birth, diplomas, etc. . . . We give the papers to one of the officers. He fills a piece of white card-board with our name and tells us to go in another room.

In the other room, another officer takes the cardboard and writes something on it: I have now the No. 5447, belong to the 5th Company, 18th Section, 1st Squad. Well, it means I am a soldier now! But still wearing civilian clothes!

We are taken to other barracks now, a mile away from the first one. An officer takes us in charge and brings us to a building, opens a door and tells us: "This is the room No. 3. You will sleep in here".

After a good meal, in a very big dining-room where 900 people are gathered, I go back to my room. Nothing to be done except writing: I take my writing-pad and send a letter home. In the afternoon, we are given work-clothes, shoes, leggins, a short, a tie, a cap—blue and red, colours of the Infantry.

### Time-table

Nobody takes care of us any more till the end of the afternoon. "Report." We go down to the area. We gather more or less in disorder, and listen to a speech of the Company-adjutant. He gives us the time-table which will be ours for all our stay in the school: 6 a.m.—time to get up; 7.30 till 11.30—work; lunch at 12; work from 2 to 5.30; dinner at 8 p.m.; curfew at 10.30 p.m. We are allowed to go downtown on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, till midnight, which is not very much.

After dinner, I go back to my room. What could I do? I think of my first day in the Army. Well, I don't like it very much. And I am rather sad. Perhaps to-morrow, when we start real work, it will be better?

*Next evening.*—We started real work, I mean Army-work. My! I never thought it would be so difficult for a civilian to become a soldier! They try to make us become cadets in six months, and it means we have got to work very hard. In fact, we work very much. Not any minute is wasted.

This evening I am very tired and sad as well, because it is worse than yesterday night. In my brain of pure civilian, I *hate* the Army, specially people with smart uniforms and golden things everywhere, telling us to do plenty of things we

cannot always do quickly. No, the Army is not nice, specially on the second day of service.

And during two months—October 20 to December 22—I stayed in this Officers-school. I lost 25 pounds of my weight, learnt a lot about the Army—guns, regulations, combat—was very seldom punished, got two leaves home, and left the School after these two months to go to the Engineers Corps in Germany.

### Not at home

Going to the Army was boring for me. The first fifteen days were terrible: officers shouting at us, telling us to do things which seemed at first silly, punishing very easily. I knew I had to stay one year in the Army and that after my time, I would go back home, conscient of having wasted my time and plenty of money. In fact, I did not like the Army and did not feel like at home in it. But this is certainly the thought of everyone when he joins the Army, isn't it?

In January, I went to Germany. New life, new barracks, new officers, new friends. I soon became a sergeant and then began a new life for me. I had the responsibility of twelve men, twelve newly-come young men, who had the same thought as me when I joined. I tried to teach those twelve men what I had learnt, and to make them feel at home. Did I succeed in my aims? I think so. The men liked me and I never punished any one among them.

Well, I knew what one felt in his first days of service, when nobody takes care or one's feelings.

### "Take good care"

I would suggest something to officers and sub-officers of all the armies of the world:

When new recruits come in barracks, *take good care of them*. Not at the military point of view, but morally, intellectually. A civilian cannot become a soldier at once. And young men, being punished and scolded during their time in the Army, will maybe never be good soldiers, because they do not like it like that. If the officers and sub-officers take care of them, show them that they think of them, the young men will try to be good soldiers.

Nobody will ever make somebody work in the right way if he punishes him all the time.

M.T.



*The Exhibition is at the TRAFFORD GALLERY, 119 Mount Street, W.1. from Wednesday, May 6, to Friday, June 12. Daily 10-6, Saturdays 10-1. Admission 5s.; 2s. 6d. Mondays and Saturdays. (Half these prices for members and Builders producing current membership cards.) All the proceeds of the Exhibition, including picture sales and catalogues, are for the Family Purse. The Exhibition will be re-opened on the morning of Saturday, June 13, for members (free) and visitors (2s. 6d.) who are in London for the Toc H Festival.*

## “Painting is a Pleasure”

TWO YEARS AGO we held an amateur Painting Exhibition. The public came in hundreds to see what was really a unique collection of water-colours, paintings and drawings by people famous in other spheres who have taken up painting as a hobby and relaxation. The Press were delighted and almost every day something appeared in the papers about it. Financially, Toc H was well benefited.

Several years ago, Geraldine Farrar was the *prima donna* at a concert I attended and I shall always remember with what grace she refused an encore by saying “The second cream puff never tastes as good as the first”. Our first Show was so very successful, one feared a repetition might prove a failure. If it had not been for the offer of the Trafford Gallery during the Coronation period, I doubt if we would have embarked on it. Now I sincerely hope Miss Farrar was wrong about the second cream puff, because this one has all the ingredients of the first, plus several nice new surprises to give it added spice.

This time, the Duchess of Kent's exhibit is a fine drawing of Princess Margaret. The Duke of Kent has lent us his first effort in oils, an enchanting moonlit seascape. The Duchess of Gloucester has sent two lovely water-colours of Kenya. From Edward Molyneux we have a masterpiece of some boats moored on the Seine at Ste. Cloud. The American Ambassador has lent a water-colour, and we also have a fascinating painting by a Canadian lady, Mrs. J. W. McConnell, whose husband gave Tubby the carillon for All Hallows.

Through Mr. Hulton, *Picture Post* is doing a full story with photographs which will appear the day of the opening. Several paintings will be shown on Television at 3 p.m., on May 5.

Unfortunately, there isn't space to describe the seventy-five entries or to talk about the artists, but I would like to say as simply as possible that the true reason all these people are so generous and happy in their generosity, is Toc H.



# The Elder BRETHREN

**BARDELL.**—On February 20, **BEDINGFIELD W. BARDELL**, aged 64, a member of Lymington & Milford Branch. Elected 14.9.'31.

**BELLMAN.**—On March 19, **EDWIN A. BELLMAN**, a member of Poplar Branch. Elected 23.7.'28.

**CANE.**—On March 5, **CECIL HERBERT CANE**, aged 42, a member of Cambridge Branch. Elected 24.6.'35.

**ELDERFIELD.**—On March 5, **WILLIAM ELDERFIELD** ('Pop'), aged 84, a member of Leytonstone Branch. Elected 6.8.'43.

**GILBERT.**—On February 25, **SPENCER GILBERT**, aged 72, a member of Whitstable Branch. Elected 13.5.'37.

**GRANGER.**—On February 15, **EDWARD WILLIAM GRANGER**, aged 69, a member of Petersfield Branch. Elected 1.1.'51.

**HADLAND.**—On January 23, **RONALD AUGUSTINE HADLAND**, aged 49, a member of Beverley Branch. Elected 4.2.'47.

**HORSLEY.**—On March 10, **The Rt. Rev. CECIL DOUGLAS HORSLEY**, Lord Bishop of Gibraltar, aged 49. Elected Colombo Branch 21.12.'39.

**DE PUTRON.**—On March 12, **JOHN DE PUTRON**, a member of Seven-oaks Branch. Elected 23.11.'49.

**ROWBOTHAM.**—On February 19, **JAMES EDGAR ROWBOTHAM**, aged 53, a member of Ruislip Branch. Elected September '51.

**RUSSELL.**—On March 10, the Rev. **RICHARD EDGAR BROWNE RUSSELL**, aged 88, a founder member of Scarborough Branch. Elected 1.6.'24.

**SHOETEN SACK.**—On February 17, the Rev. **EDGAR LEONARD SHOETEN SACK**, aged 62, a member of Southern Area General Branch. Elected 3.3.'25.

**SIMPSON.**—On March 24, **WILFRED SAMUEL SIMPSON**, aged 54, a member of Rochdale Branch. Elected 31.12.'49.

**SMITH.**—On February 21, **WILFRED REGINALD SMITH**, aged 49, a member of Prestwich Branch. Elected 4.2.'48.

**WARNER.**—On February 10, after a long illness, **WILLIAM FREDERICK WARNER**, aged 62, a member of Acton Branch. Elected 17.5.'29.

## In Memoriam : Gordon Ryrie

*Of Dr. GORDON RYRIE, the head of the Sungei Buloh Leper Settlement, Malaya (see TOC H JOURNAL, February, March and April, 1933), TUBBY writes:—"I wish—how much!—that I had known him better, but just his name and his fidelity rang out from Sungei Buloh through his patients; and he was worshipped by the personnel of R.A.F. Toc H. Trying to help a little from Seletar, the Merchant Navy making Singapore, collected hundreds of old pipes for the Lepers under his skill and care. After December, 1941, the officers and men in Changi Jail and on the deadly Burma Road whispered the fame of Gordon Ryrie. O.C. Sungei Buloh."*

The  
HOUSE  
of  
WINDSOR  
and  
TOC H





*For thirty-five Years and in four Reigns Toc H has  
received not only the Patronage but the Friendship of  
members of the*

ROYAL HOUSE OF WINDSOR

*In Gratitude and in Affection to those who have thus  
trusted and supported our Movement, and in loyal duty  
to the Throne*

WE DEDICATE

THESE PAGES

TO

OUR ROYAL PATRON

HER MAJESTY

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

ON THE OCCASION OF

HER

CORONATION





"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of the great Imperial Family to which we all belong . . . God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."

—Broadcasting, as Princess Elizabeth, on her Twenty-first Birthday.

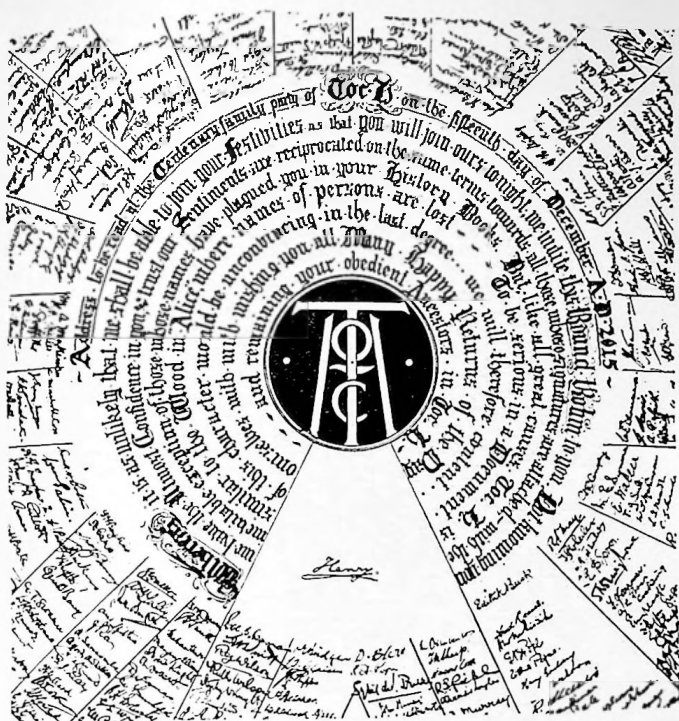
KING GEORGE V, QUEEN MARY, THE PRINCE OF WALES  
AND PRINCESS ROYAL



KING GEORGE V and QUEEN MARY (the PRINCESS ROYAL behind) at the Toc H tent in Regents Park in July, 1920.



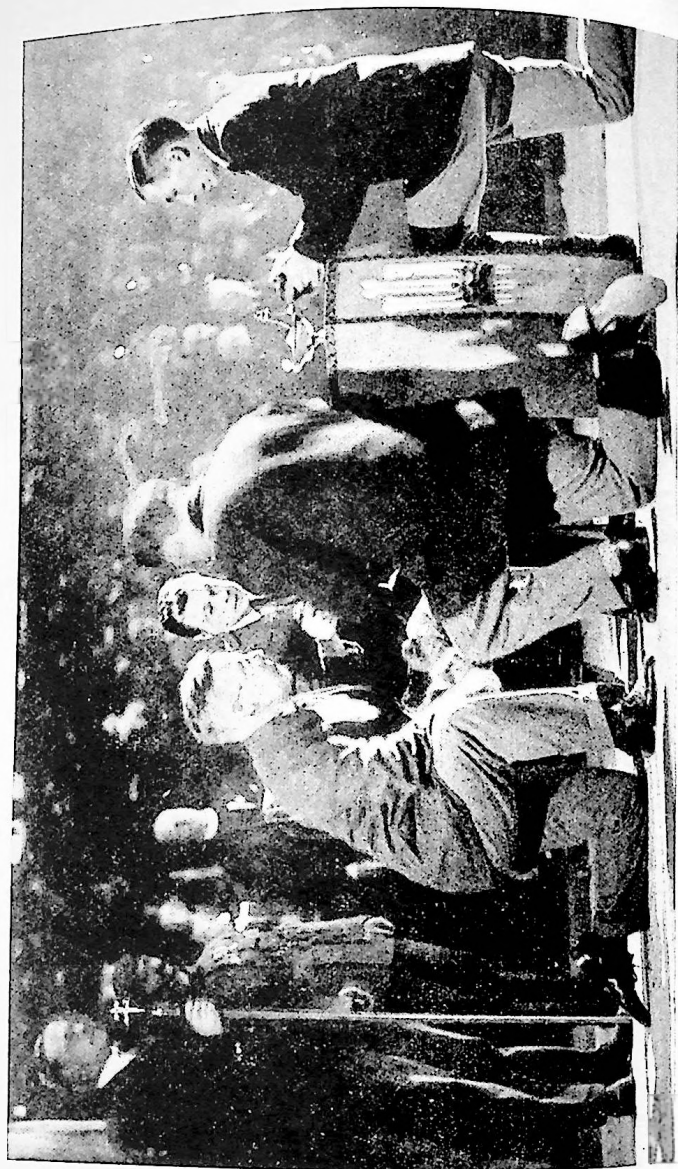
The PRINCE OF WALES, in uniform, with Toc H members, in costume, and the old sign from Poperinghe, at a Fête in 1920.



On December 15, 1921, Toc H held a big 'Birthday Party' (the first 'Festival' was a year later) at Grosvenor House, then the home of the Duke of Westminster in London. To this the Prince of Wales, who was travelling overseas, sent his brother PRINCE HENRY (now the Duke of Gloucester).

During the jolly evening a 'Round Robin' (about 2 ft. 6 ins. across) was addressed by their "obedient Ancestors" to those who should be present "at the Centenary family party on December 15, A.D. 2015." This was signed by some 700 members: many of their names are well-known in Toc H.

One section of the paper, below the central monogram of Toc H (for the Lamp symbol was not yet in existence), bears a single name—"HENRY", the Royal guest of the evening. The picture shows only a part of this amusing and interesting document, which is still in existence.





H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES (H.M. KING EDWARD VIII)

THE PRINCE OF WALES, as a young officer in World War I, visited Talbot House in Flanders and gave to it a Belgian picture which still hangs there. He took a great interest in its re-birth at home and became Patron of Toc H. In December, 1922 he attended the first Thanksgiving in All Hallows and then lit the first Lamps of Maintenance at Guildhall. Thenceforward he lit the new Lamps every year, with few exceptions, until his abdication in 1936, when he resigned his office of Patron. During those years, when he travelled much, he found many opportunities of meeting his fellow-members, both at home and overseas, and behind the scenes he gave much personal help to our movement. Perhaps his last act as Patron when he had become King Edward VIII, was to receive with delightful informality, at Buckingham Palace 150 members from twenty countries overseas who had come to England in 1936 for our Coming-of-Age. Many old Branches cherish Petitions for their Lamps bearing the familiar signature 'Edward P.'

OPPOSITE: The Patron at the Royal Albert Hall in 1925, lighting the Lamp for Bexhill Branch; Stuart Sheppard with the Lamp for Chelsea kneels waiting on the other side, Tubby beside the Prince. Rex Calkin and 'The Gen.' (Pte. Pettifer, in uniform) stand on the left.

ON THIS PAGE is reproduced one of the many messages written in his own hand for us by the Patron.



ST JAMES'S PALACE,  
S.W. 1.

We must all lend a hand  
in helping to build  
Toc H.  
because Toc H itself  
is a power house  
for helping others  
Edward P.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AND PRINCE GEORGE



*In October, 1930, a revolutionary mob in Brazil burnt down the Toc H rooms in Rio de Janeiro. Only the extinguisher of the Rio Lamp, lit for the Branch the year before by H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES in London, was recovered from the ruins, and a new Lamp was sent out. This was lit by the Patron on a visit to Brazil, with PRINCE GEORGE (afterwards Duke of Kent), on April 8, 1931.*

*The picture shows the two brothers with members of the Branch and their Lamp and Banner.*



*At the Coming-of-Age Festival in 1936 H.R.H THE DUKE OF KENT represented his brother, then Edward VIII. The Duke faced an immense audience at the Crystal Palace on June 27. made a speech and lighted the new Lamps, 104 in number. On July 11, 1939, he paid a most friendly visit to Tower Hill and showed great interest in All Hallows and the activities of Toc H on the Hill. He had just been appointed Governor-General of Australia, where he might have helped Toc H greatly, but this was not to be. Soon he was on active service with the R.A.F.; he was killed in an air-crash in 1942.*

*The picture shows him with Tubby at the door of 42, Trinity Square.*

H.R.H. THE DUCHESS OF YORK (H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH)



Soon after its formation in 1922 the Toc H League of Women Helpers gained a great supporter and Patron in the DUCHESS OF YORK; as QUEEN ELIZABETH and as QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER she has remained Patron of what is now the Toc H Women's Association. She not only lights the new Lamps at our women's Festivals but has paid many informal visits to smaller gatherings. Behind the scenes she gives our women members jobs to do for her and follows the result keenly.



OPPOSITE: As Duchess of York, entering St Paul's Cathedral for the L.W.H. service at the Coming-of-Age Festival in 1936.

ABOVE: As Queen Elizabeth, with Tubby at the Royal Albert Hall in 1948.



*Patron 1937 - 1952*



OPPOSITE: *A happy portrait of KING GEORGE VI at a Boys' Camp. He lent his name as Patron to Toc H and gave it, as to all the world, a noble example, but he had little opportunity of getting to know it. In war-time he paid a private and delightfully informal visit to our St. Stephens Services Club.*

#### H.M. QUEEN MARY

ABOVE: QUEEN MARY arriving for the Reopening of the North Aisle of All Hallows on July 14, 1949. With her are Dr. Wand (Bishop of London) and Tubby; behind her Lord Wavell (Governor of the Tower) and Lady Forster (President, Toc H Women's Association). Queen Mary's personal friendship with Tubby brought her many times to Tower Hill, where she took great interest in the old church, in Tower Hill improvement and Toc H activities. She sponsored the completion of the fine old organ, and when that, with most of the fabric of the church, was destroyed by enemy action, she showed her sympathy among the ruins. 'Chippie', Tubby's constant companion, is the second dog she presented to him.

## THUS THEY HAVE SPOKEN

### H.R.H. the Prince of Wales

#### IN THE BEGINNING

We still stand tonight only at the outset of Toc H. Tonight is a great step in the early life of a great society, a society which will, we hope, remain young when the youngest of us here grows old—group after group of whole-hearted men in the youthful prime of life, determined to raise out of a great tragedy a great opportunity for good . . . Toc H is a really notable thing, more worth while as a living memorial than monuments of wood and stone. It has a very great work ahead of it, a work that competes with no other task, but supplements the achievements of all . . . The contagious example of this wonderful working brotherhood.

*At the first Birthday Festival, London, December 15, 1922.*

#### THE GROWING TREE

Fellow-members of Toc H, . . . The image I have of Toc H in my mind is that of a green tree. A living, growing tree means youth, and trees must be tended as youth must be served. But we of Toc H would sooner say that youth must serve.

*At the Birthday Festival, London, December 13, 1924.*

#### THE BRANCH DECIDES

We believe in service; we believe in the duties of youth; we believe in character and all that may be done to train it for the benefit of others. But we leave the carrying out of these ideals to the Branches themselves. The more we can give our growing organisations the right to decide their own methods, the more we shall find them respecting the common stock, and the better will they serve to bring together all that is best in Toc H, whether at home or overseas, for service is a heritage common to all mankind.

*At the Birthday Festival, Manchester, December 11, 1926.*

#### OUR STANDARD

We are out to help wherever we can, but we must take more and more care who wear our colours. I do not think there is anything seriously wrong; I am only warning you against a possible danger. Do not let anyone think he can belong to Toc H for the asking. Try harder than ever to get



the right mixture in your groups and Branches—and not one sort only, however good that sort may be. You ought to be able to find a place in Toc H for every man who is fit and able to play the game. You are not passing recruits: you are picking a team. *At the Birthday Festival, London, December 7, 1929.*

### IN TIME OF DISTRESS

We meet in a time of national anxiety, but let us also say, taking strength from the past, that it is a time of national opportunity, when the traditions we inherit should be more than equal to the need . . . My appeal here is not to statesmen, nor even to philanthropists, but to all who are in work to play the part of neighbour and friend to the men out of work. There is no central machinery that can provide a substitute for the good neighbour.

The enemy today is depression and apathy. Let us attack them with two of our old-fashioned characteristics—good sense and good humour . . . So far as is humanly possible, let us break up this vast problem into little pieces, and refuse to be browbeaten into paralysis by its size.

*At a meeting in London, January 27, 1932.*

I have visited some depressed areas during the year, and I have been able to see the lead that Toc H has given and the new opportunities they have seized in many places . . . I call upon Toc H to help even still more these people—to help them to take heart, to disown discouragement and especially to feel that they are not cast off.

*At the Birthday Festival, Birmingham, December 3, 1932.*

## H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

### THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

In a world where the individual may sometimes seem almost to lose his individuality, submerged beneath the mass movements of which we hear so much, we may well be heartened by remembering that we stand here today because of the inspiration of one man.

In an age of shifting standards and uncertain values the need and the opportunity for service, based on the teaching of Christianity, has never been more great. Toc H is a great

fellowship—great in the strength of its Christian foundations and the power of its ideals.

It is inter-denominational. It transcends man-made frontiers. It has a genius for neighbourliness. I think that word has a special meaning for us today, for nothing has greater value than the spirit which has been called 'the habit of happiness'. It is a spirit which breathes enthusiasm—the spirit of adventure.

*At the Toc H Women's Festival, London, October 25, 1952.*

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# ON OUR BRANCH



Here is a further selection of accounts received from 'average' Branches giving either an over-all picture or portraying a particular aspect of Branch activities. Other Branches are warmly invited to send in their contributions, written within the compass of some two hundred words, for possible inclusion in this feature.



## BOLTON'S DISPLAY

When the film *Cry, the Beloved Country* was shown at a Bolton cinema, the District Team arranged an attractive display in one foyer. In addition, they demonstrated a smoker's 'gadget' made by a member. This enables a totally incapacitated person to smoke, either a pipe or a cigarette in a sitting or prone position without the risk of setting himself, or the bedclothes, on fire. One of these is already in use in their local hospital. The 'demonstration' is being given by the oldest member of Bolton Branch, while the youngest probationer checks that it really works.

## HORWICH COMES OF AGE

Horwich Branch of Toc H came of age last week-end. For twenty-one years the Branch has flourished and done good work in the Horwich community. These years of worthy endeavour were suitably celebrated on Saturday. A service in the afternoon, followed by an address and a play in the evening, attracted a large attendance consisting of local members and friends, together with guests from fourteen other Toc H Branches.

The service, held at Horwich Parish Church, was conducted by Rev. E. Bostock (Branch padre). Rev. T. Vause (New Chapel) read the lesson and assisted at the service, and Rev. C. L. Parry (area padre) preached the sermon.

Venue for the remainder of the day was Victoria Methodist Church. After tea came the social activities. Introductions over, the chairman then called upon Horwich's Council chairman. Councillor Rimmer said Horwich had a good reputation for hospitality, and he was confident that it was being upheld by Horwich Branch of Toc H. He had a great deal of sympathy with the Movement, which now had 1,500 Branches all over the world. Its aims and objects were praiseworthy, and its members were sincere in trying to live up to high ideals.

Councillor W. B. Jones (chairman, Adlington Council) said that as a former Horwich man, he knew something of the good work done by the Horwich Branch. His own mother had been one of many to benefit from its benevolent interest in the problems of the local community. "Unfortunately there isn't a Toc H Branch at Adlington," added Councillor Jones, "but if one is formed, I shall certainly join, and do all I can to help it along."

Some idea of the work being done all over the world by Toc H was given in an address by Rev. Kenneth Bloxham.

The evening concluded with a performance of the play "The Everlasting Light" by the Rev. W. Challenor.

The play depicts how the "Light"—symbol of Christian faith and knowledge—has been kept burning throughout the centuries and has spread to the far corners of the world.

The relationship between Toc H's own ceremony of Light, and the original Light kindled on Easter Day, was illustrated in the play's conclusion.

*Horwich & Westhoughton Journal.*

## HOSPITAL PARTIES

Members of WINDSOR Toc H acted as hosts at two parties for patients at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot.

The parties, which cost more than £100 between them, took place in the afternoon and evening. The first one was for child patients—forty-four of them.

Before the party Toc H members gathered in the recreation hall to sort out presents of board games, dolls houses and models. Then the Mayor and Mayoress of Windsor (Alderman and Mrs. C. D. Dyson) toured the wards, handing out the gifts to the children. Later the children were given tea of jellies, trifles, cakes, meringues and marzipan squares.

For the evening, Toc H had planned another party for adult patients—sixty of them this time. This was held in the recreation hall. There were presents, too, for the adults—wallets, purses, compacts. Refreshments included chicken and ham sandwiches, jellies, cakes and beer.

Idea for the party came six years ago when Windsor Toc H visited a Toc H member from Leeds who was staying at the hospital. They looked round the hospital and decided they might as well do something for the patients' welfare. They have been holding the parties ever since.

D.A.B.

## HALF-MINUTE SKETCH

*We are assured that this has not been inspired by OLIVER WILKINSON'S article (see January JOURNAL) but actually happened.*

CHARACTERS: Toc H Branch members.

SCENE: Classroom of a village school. Gathered round fire are members of the Branch, nattering and supping tea.

ACTION: Door is flung open. Enter young miss (aged about sixteen). Young miss stops, looks aghast.

Young Miss: "Sorry, I want the Action Group." *Exits.* Looks of disappointment on faces of members.

G.L.G.



## HISTORY IN BRASS

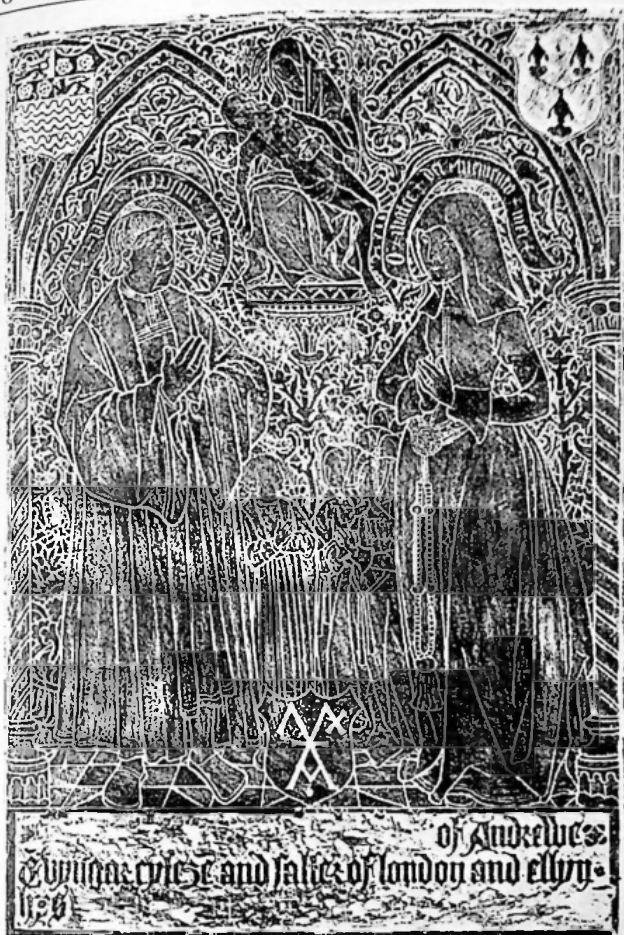
*The Monumental Brasses of All Hallows by the Tower.*  
By C. G. Misselbrook. (All Hallows, 1s. 6d.)

The custom of using brass memorial tablets is an ancient one, dating back many centuries. In commemorating bygone worthies they also confer honour on the unknown craftsmen who so skilfully engraved them, and add considerably to our knowledge of the dress and fashions of their day.

Few English churches have retained such an outstanding collection of monumental brasses as All Hallows still possesses. The earliest of them, inscribed in Norman French, belongs to the late fourteenth century and commemorates one William Tonge, a member of parliament for the City of London. At the time of the Reformation a taboo was placed on prayers for the dead, and it is on All Hallows' records that a certain Mr. Shurlan was paid 16s. to "erase the superstitious letters from the brasses". He did the job in a rough and ready way: but, due to his ignorance of Latin, some of the offending inscriptions escaped his chisel. There were, however, greater hazards still in store for them.

On December 29, 1940, a rain of incendiary bombs completed the destruction caused by a previous air raid, three weeks earlier, and when the inferno died down the brasses had entirely disappeared. During the subsequent work of reconstructing the North Aisle, three of them were recovered, but later, on commencing further restoration, removal of the rubble disclosed the remainder buried safely beneath.

It was a happy thought to link these regained treasures with the approaching Coronation, and this little book will be sure of welcome not only from sight-seeing visitors, but also from the many members of Toc H who have a strong affection for All Hallows. The descriptions which accompany the illustrations have been written in non-technical language by Mr. Charles Misselbrook, the Parish Clerk, a Toc H member himself, of whom Tubby writes:



The fine Flemish brass in All Hallows commemorating Andrew Eynger. 1530.  
There is only one similar in the whole of England.

"Handbooks are sometimes none too accurate, but readers can be assured that our famous Parish Clerk will not mislead them out of the wide knowledge with which more than fifty years of faithful work and devoted study of our records has endowed him."  
C.

## A GREAT QUESTION MARK.

*South Africa Today.* By Alan Paton (Lutterworth Press, 1s. 6d.)

Most of us can only be spectators at a distance of the revolution which has begun to shake and change the whole continent of Africa, from Tunis and Cairo to Capetown, from the Gold Coast to Mombasa. It is as though this huge bulk of the earth's surface had lain asleep and only now stirs clumsily its half-tutored mind full of confused longing, its great body in discordant motion, breaking the bonds that were fondly expected by the white man to confine it. Before this awakening of black Africa within the present century, our own struggle between East and West, between the "people's democracies" and the "free world" may eventually have to take second place. God knows—and men can only speculate—what the outcome is to be. It is, however, still certain that man, both white and black, can either make or mar the whole prospect. And what he tries to make in one place—plans like the Gold Coast Constitution, Central African Federation, *Apartheid* in the Union—is damned in another: the tragedy is that no common line of advance is possible.

The Union of South Africa, as everyone is now aware, is one of the crucial areas in this revolution; maybe it contains one of the turning points in human history. And no one is better equipped to show us the main outlines of crisis there than Alan Paton, our own Hon. Commissioner. This he now does, lucidly and logically, in a thirty-page pamphlet. It appeared on the eve of the General Election in South Africa and history has already caught it up. "Will the Nationalists continue to hold power?", Alan asks at the end. Now we know that they do, that the United Party, so long led by Smuts, is again in opposition but in fresh confusion, that Liberal voices (like Alan's) cry in a wilderness and that (according to the *Manchester Guardian* writer on the spot) only courageous little groups—the National Union of Students, which stands for the rights of their black fellow-students, and the Anglican Church, which again and again has spoken out with consistent boldness on these issues—dare to stand in the path of Dr. Malan's triumphal journey from Capetown to Pretoria.

There could be no better introduction to the inward meaning of these very grave events than this little book. B. B.





## Builders' Jubilee

50 new Toc H Builders  
welcomed in March

**T**HE FIFTH MONTH of the new financial year finds the pace of the enrolment of new Builders quite undiminished. **Fifty** more Toc H Builders were welcomed into the Family; we thank them warmly and gratefully for their help and trust they will find a lasting satisfaction in journeying with us on our adventure.

**Kent Area** added **six** new names, bringing their total to **twenty-one** and putting them back on top of the Builders Jubilee League table.

**South Western Area** now hold second place with **sixteen** enrolments.

**Western Area** retain the third place with **thirteen** enrolments, an increase of **four** during the month.

Women's Association Branches throughout the country added **twenty-six** new names, making their total **seventy-seven**.

**DEEDS OF COVENANT.** Thirty-one of the new Toc H Builders are paying their subscriptions under the Covenant scheme which allows Toc H to claim income tax on the annual payments.

The recent Budget reduction in the tax rate to 9s. in the £ slightly reduces the amounts we can claim under the scheme, but they are still valuable enough to warrant our asking all subscribers to sign Covenants if they are willing and able to do so. For example, on a subscription of £1 1s. 0d. we get a further 17s. 2d. whilst on £5 5s. 0d. we can claim as much as £4 5s. 11d.

Forms with all particulars will be sent on request.

# Destination

A  
monthly link



# Poperinghe with The Old House

## Bookings

Reservations for the summer months already number nearly sixty men, women and children.

## Wardens

The following Hon. Wardens have been appointed for the season:—

June 15/27—Frank Kerridge (Wimborne).

June 27/July 11—Jack Fisher (Stowmarket) and

Mrs. Fisher.

July 11/August 1—Sid Thresher (Guildford).

August 1/August 28—Wally Hammond (Guildford) and

Mrs. Hammond.

August 28/September 12—Norman Druce (Croydon) and

Mrs. Druce.

## Committee

The affairs of Talbot House are conducted by the Old House Committee, consisting of Miss Macfie, Mrs. Lewis (Orpington), Brother Stephen Lambert, G. H. Nash (Dartford), W. A. Harris (Mark XX), Charles Jackson (Croydon) and Tubby, with Barkis as Chairman, and a sprinkling of staff.

## Transit

Incidentally, a nightly service is being operated each way between Dover and Ostend during the summer after July 10. This will be quicker and more convenient than the night service *via* Dunkirk.

## Thanks

The Burgomaster of Poperinghe has announced his Council's intention of making an annual grant to the Old House. The first grant will be of approximately £20.



# Open HUSTINGS

*The Editor welcomes letters on all matters concerning Toc H. For reasons of space the right is reserved to shorten letters received, but every effort is made to print a representative selection.*

## Post-war Job

DEAR EDITOR,

I must write a word against the sentiments expressed in the letter from Eric Saywell under the heading "Post-War Job" as published in the March JOURNAL.

The drastic pruning of the Staff and Executive members of Toc H and throwing them in the maelstrom of membership—there to pull their weight, would be disastrous.

In this age of obvious over-administration, Toc H is a movement very sadly under-administered, especially in so far as the permanent Staff are concerned. I admit that there are Branches where the Executive composes more than 50 per cent. of its membership. This is absurd and should be firmly stamped out. But, offsetting this is the terrible fact that my own Area, a big and well-populated one, can only boast a Hon. Area Correspondent and no permanent Area Secretary.

To denude the Movement of more of its permanent Staff and to cut out or cut down District Teams and Branch Executives would kill Toc H almost overnight. It would be like trying to sail a ship without any officers,

magnificent as the crew may be, one man must lead and he must have men close to him to interpret his orders to the ordinary men, member of crew or member of Toc H, as the case may be.

Now, we in Toc H are blessed, in my opinion, with an outstanding bunch of Staff men, and what is more, always have been. My first and lasting impressions of Toc H, some twenty years ago, were made out of the mouths of such men as Barkis, Gilbert Williams, Herbert Leggate and Garner Freeston. These men made Toc H live for me and for others where I was.

Such men would make anything live, but they have been chosen to keep Toc H alive. If, therefore, Toc H is worth keeping very much alive, let us keep our permanent Staff and increase it, make sure the Areas, Districts and Branches are administered by carefully chosen men. By this means only will I, the ordinary member, receive my training in Toc H and so, through fellowship and service, affect the lives of others.

Without them, we shall wither and die.

ATHOL VOIZEY.

Cliftonville, Kent.

## Holiday help

DEAR EDITOR.

May I, as a member of Malvern Link Branch Toc H—as well as Hon. Sec. of the Malvern and District Branch of the Worcestershire Association for the Blind, appeal to members to help in finding suitable holiday accommodation for half a dozen blind people and companions. They

could go as a party, but I feel it would be more congenial if individual accommodation — preferably in a Toc H family—could be found.

The Blind Association pays for full board—but the most important factor is the right friendly environment.

GORDON F. RYDER.

61, Michaels Crescent,  
Malvern Link, Worcs.

## OTHONA COMMUNITY—SUMMER SESSION, 1953.

The following speakers are hoping to assist during the coming summer.

June 27 to July 4—*Preparation*.

July 4 to July 11—*Devotional Week*.

July 11 to July 18—The Rev. Jim Davies.

July 18 to July 25—{ The Rev. John Drewitt.  
                                  { Marianne Turner.

July 25 to August 1—Elizabeth Lawrence.

August 1 to August 8—{ The Rev. Norman Motley.  
                                  { The Rev. Harold Johnson.

August 8 to August 15—Iain Fraser.

August 15 to August 22—{ The Rev. Herbert Leggate.  
                                  { Oliver Wilkinson.

August 22 to August 29—Oliver Wilkinson.

August 29 to September 4—*Theme on Healing*.

If you want a change, and an experience which is different from any holiday you have had before, please write to Norman Motley for a booking form and enclose a stamped addressed envelope. In August the accommodation is more limited and you are urged to make your reservation as soon as you can—at the latest at least a month before you wish to come. No deposit is being charged this year. The fees are £3 inclusive, £1 10s. for the under fourteens. Reduced rates are available under certain circumstances, and application should be made to Norman Motley.